

*Amendments to the Claims*

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) An authentication management apparatus, comprising:

~~storage means for storing a plurality of pieces of customer ID information and a plurality of pieces of store ID information;~~

~~reception means~~ a receiver configured to receive ~~for receiving a piece of~~ customer ID information from a customer mobile communication device, ~~a piece of~~ store ID information, and ~~amount information indicating a monetary amount~~ information from a store communication terminal;

an authentication means ~~for device configured to authenticate~~ authenticating the ~~piece of~~ customer ID information and the ~~piece of~~ store ID information ~~that have been received by the reception means~~; and

a transfer device configured to transfer ~~means for transferring money the~~ ~~monetary amount~~ indicated by the monetary amount information from an account of a store with the authenticated ~~piece of~~ store ID information to an account of a customer with the authenticated ~~piece of~~ customer ID information.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The authentication management apparatus in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the ~~reception means~~ receiver is configured to receives receive transfer source store account information and the transfer ~~means~~ device is

~~configured to transfers~~ transfer the ~~monetary amount~~ money from an account indicated by the transfer source store account information ~~received by the reception means~~.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The authentication management apparatus in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the ~~reception means~~ authentication management apparatus is configured to stop the transfer device from transferring the money in response to receives receiving cancel information from the store communication terminal ~~and stops the transfer means from transferring the monetary amount~~.

4. (Currently Amended) A store communication terminal, comprising:  
~~storage means~~ a memory configured to store ~~for storing~~ store ID information;  
~~reception means~~ a receiver configured to receive ~~for receiving~~ customer ID information from a customer mobile communication device;  
~~input means~~ an input device configured to input ~~for inputting amount~~ ~~information for a monetary amount~~ information that a store is to pay a customer; and  
~~transmission means~~ a transmitter configured to transmit ~~for transmitting~~ the store ID information ~~stored by the storage means~~, the customer ID information ~~received by the reception means~~, and the monetary amount information ~~inputted by the input means~~ to an authentication management apparatus that authenticates the store ID information and the customer ID information.

5. (Currently Amended) A The store communication terminal in accordance with Claim 4, wherein the input device is configured to ~~means inputs~~ input transfer source store account information and the ~~transmission means~~ transmitter is configured to ~~transmits~~ transmit the transfer source store account information ~~inputted by the input means~~ to the authentication management apparatus.

6. (Currently Amended) A The store communication terminal in accordance with Claim 4, wherein the ~~transmission means~~ transmitter is configured to ~~transmits~~ transmit the store ID information, the customer ID information, and the monetary amount information to a the customer mobile communication ~~terminal~~ device, as well as to the authentication management apparatus.

7. (Currently Amended) A The store communication terminal in accordance with Claim 4, wherein the store communication terminal is a mobile communication terminal.

8. (Currently Amended) A The store communication terminal in accordance with Claim 4, wherein the store communication terminal comprises a pawnshop communication terminal ~~is set up in a pawnshop.~~

9. (Currently Amended) A The store communication terminal in accordance with Claim 4, wherein the store communication terminal comprises a lottery money-exchanging device ~~is set up in a lottery money-exchanging booth.~~

10. (Currently Amended) A The store communication terminal in accordance with Claim 4, wherein the store communication terminal comprises a prize-exchanging booth of a pachinko device ~~is set up in a prize-exchanging booth of a pachinko parlor.~~

11. (Currently Amended) A The store communication terminal in accordance with Claim 5, wherein the ~~transmission means~~ transmitter is configured to transmits ~~transmit~~ the store ID information, the customer ID information, the monetary amount information, and the transfer source store account information to a the customer mobile communication terminal device, as well as to the authentication management apparatus.

12. (Currently Amended) A The store communication terminal in accordance with Claim 5, wherein the store communication terminal is a mobile communication terminal.

13. (Currently Amended) A The store communication terminal in accordance with Claim 5, wherein the store communication terminal comprises a pawnshop communication terminal ~~is set up in a pawnshop.~~

14. (Currently Amended) A The store communication terminal in accordance with Claim 5, wherein the store communication terminal comprises a lottery money-exchanging device ~~is set up in a lottery money-exchanging booth.~~

15. (Currently Amended) A The store communication terminal in accordance with Claim 5, wherein the store communication terminal comprises a prize-exchanging booth of a pachinko device ~~is set up in a prize-exchanging booth of a pachinko parlor.~~

16. (Currently Amended) A The store communication terminal in accordance with Claim 6, wherein the store communication terminal is a mobile communication terminal.

17. (Currently Amended) A The store communication terminal in accordance with Claim 6, wherein the store communication terminal comprises a pawnshop communication terminal ~~is set up in a pawnshop.~~

18. (Currently Amended) A The store communication terminal in accordance with Claim 6, wherein the store communication terminal comprises a lottery money-exchanging device ~~is set up in a lottery money-exchanging booth.~~

19. (Currently Amended) A The store communication terminal in accordance with Claim 6, wherein the store communication terminal comprises a prize-exchanging booth of a pachinko device ~~is set up in a prize-exchanging booth of a pachinko parlor.~~

20. (Currently Amended) A The store communication terminal in accordance with Claim 11, wherein the store communication terminal is a mobile communication terminal.

21. (Currently Amended) A The store communication terminal in accordance with Claim 11, wherein the store communication terminal comprises a pawnshop communication terminal ~~is set up in a pawnshop.~~

22. (Currently Amended) A The store communication terminal in accordance with Claim 11, wherein the store communication terminal comprises a lottery money-exchanging device ~~is set up in a lottery money-exchanging booth.~~

23. (Currently Amended) A The store communication terminal in accordance with Claim 11, wherein the store communication terminal comprises a prize-exchanging booth of a pachinko device ~~is set up in a prize-exchanging booth of a pachinko parlor.~~

24. (New) A method, comprising:

receiving customer ID information from a customer mobile communication device, store ID information, and monetary amount information;

authenticating the customer ID information and the store ID information;

and

transferring money indicated by the monetary amount information from an account of a store with the authenticated store ID information to an account of a customer with the authenticated customer ID information,

25. (New) A method, comprising:

receiving customer ID information from a customer mobile communication device;

receiving monetary amount information that a store is to pay a customer from an input device; and

transmitting store ID information, the customer ID information, and the monetary amount information to an authentication management apparatus that authenticates the store ID information and the customer ID information.

26. (New) A computer-readable medium containing instructions that, when executed by a processor, causes the processor to:

receive customer ID information from a customer mobile communication device, store ID information, and monetary amount information;

authenticate the customer ID information and the store ID information; and

transfer money indicated by the monetary amount information from an account of a store with the authenticated store ID information to an account of a customer with the authenticated customer ID information;

27. (New) A computer-readable medium containing instructions that, when executed by a processor, causes the processor to:

receive customer ID information from a customer mobile communication device;

receive monetary amount information that a store is to pay a customer from an input device; and

transmit store ID information, the customer ID information, and the monetary amount information to an authentication management apparatus that authenticates the store ID information and the customer ID information.

28. (New) The authentication management apparatus in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the authentication management apparatus, the store communication terminal, and the customer mobile communication device communicate with each other through an Internet network.

29. (New) The store communication terminal in accordance with Claim 4, wherein the store communication terminal, the customer mobile communication device, and the authentication management apparatus communicate with each other through an Internet net work.